As the location of BJP office use strategically unsuitable for posting of a static guard the suggestion of I.G.P., Chandigarh to cover the BJP office by beat and mobile patrolling was accepted by Shri Hitabhilashi and beat and mobile patrolling was accordingly increased around the BJP's office. For want of details, identity of the strangers could not be established in spite of the best efforts made by the local police.

Financing of sick textile units

797. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has given a guarantee of Rs. 100 crores to banks for financing marginally sick textile units;

(b) if so, what are the total amounts of financial aid provided by the banks to the sick units in Gujarat, after the Government has given this guarantee; and

(c) how many textile mills are sick for financing and what are the other facilities being provided to them to remove the sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Subject matter of the question relates to the Government of Gujarat. This Ministry does not have anything to do with it.

(c) As on 20.6.1988, the cases of 93 different types of textile units has been registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction under the Sick Industrial Companies Act. The Board determines the preventive ameliotrative, remedial and other measures in respect of sick industrial companies. A Nodal Agency has been set up to examine sick textile mills in order to ascertain whether they are potentially viable or not. It evolves and manages rehabilitation packages for mills found to be potentially viable. A Textile Modernisation fund has also been set up to meet the modernisation needs of weak but viable textile units.

Garment exports

798. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report about the statement made by Shri N. K. Goyal, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council about India's garment exports becoming uncompetitive in the international markets due to competition from our textile mills; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction and what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy the situation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian garment exports will have to face competition from garments produced from all countries including those mentioned in the press report. There is a market for our fabrics in countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Nepal, Dubai etc. which we can not afford to lose. The Government is taking all necessary steps to increase the exports of garments.

विगत उप चुनाव के दौरान मेरठ जिले में पुलिस द्वारा गोली चलाये जाने के मामले की सी०बी०आई० द्वारा जांच

799. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विगत उप-चुनाव के दौरान मेरठ जिले में गोली चलाये जाने का आदेश दिये जाने के बारे में सी०बी०आई० द्वारा जांच पूरी कर ली गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में जांच रिपोर्ट का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो अब तक जांच रिपोर्ट प्राप्त न होने के क्या कारण है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री पी० चिदम्बरम् : (क) मेरठ जिले में विगत उप-चुनाव के दौरान हुई गोलीबारी की सी०बी०आई० कोई जांच नहीं कर रही है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Merger of non-viable units of N.T.C. with viable units

800. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister TEXTILES be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that the National Textile Corporation had drawn up plans to merge non-viable textile units with viable units with a view to reducing the Corporation's losses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that those plans have not been materialised;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have not provided adequate funds to NTC to enable it to fulfil its modernisation plans; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the performance of NTC to make it profit-oriented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) The plans drawn up by National Textile Corporation for amalgamation/restructuring of unviable textile units are in the preliminary stages of examination and discussion at various levels.

(e) Because of resource constraints the Government have not been able to provide adequate funds to the N.T.C. for its modernisation plans.

(f) NTC has drawn up mill specific action plans to improve the performance of its mills.

Introduction of credit cards under farm card scheme by banks

801. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some nationalised banks have issued credit cards to farmers under farm card scheme;

(b) if so, what are the names of these banks;

(c) whether such a scheme has been introduced in Rajasthan by any nationalised bank; and

(d) what are the areas of the State where this farm card scheme has been introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (d) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that four banks, namely, Dena Bank, Syndicate Bank, Canara Bank and Indian Overseas Bank introduced Agricultural Credit Card Scheme for farmers. It is further reported that Dena Bank and Canara Bank have decided to implement the scheme through all of their rural branches including the ones located in Rajasthan. Syndicate Bank and Indian Overseas Bank have, however, introduced Credit Card Scheme only in certain selected districts and for the present no district of Rajasthan has been included by these banks for credit card scheme.

Investigation against the Executive Director of the Union Bank of India

802. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has since completed investigation regarding certain allegations against the Executive Director of the Union Bank of India and has framed a *prima facie* case of corruption against him and whether permission from the Ministry was sought for initiating action against him;